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VIDESH SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) has lowered its revenue on ISD call rates;

(b) whether it has any impact on revenue earning of VSNL;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the new proposal mooted by VSNL in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) ISD call rateshave been lowered with effect from 1/10/2000 in accordance with the decision of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.

(b) It does not impact per minute revenue of VSNL significantly.However, due to volume growth in outgoing traffic post revision, revenue of VSNL has increased.

(c) The volume in outgoing traffic has risen to 17% against 5% normal growth. Therefore, we can attribute differential growth of 12% due to tariff reduction which translates to Rs. 29 Crore during 2000-2001.

(d) As the subject of tariff does not pertain to VSNL, no new proposal has been mooted by VSNL on this subject.